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TIM'S WALKER OF THE WEEK

I thought that the votes over the last week would be evenly spread between our two nominees Jemima Montag (14:22.4 for U14 3000m) and Nathan Brill (5:58.17 for U16 1500m) but imagine my surprise when I closed the poll this morning with voting split 50/50 between these 2 fine walkers. I think it is actually a fitting result given the closeness in merit of the two performances. So congratulations to Nathan and Jemima on their joint 'Walker of the Week' award for last week.





Jemima Montag and Nathan Brill - our joint Walker of the Week winners - in action last weekend at Albert Park

And now onto this week's award. I have scrutinized all the results documented in the newsletter and there is one standout who gets the weekly award without the need to vote -19 year old Dane Bird-Smith of Queensland who recorded a 1500m walk time of 5:21.65 in Brisbane last Thursday. This is probably the second fastest ever done in official competition here in Australia and you can read all about it later in the newsletter.



Dane Bird-Smith in action earlier this year - Dane is this week's Walker of the Week for his 1500m walk time of 5:21.65

VICTORIAN ALL SCHOOLS T&F CHAMPIONSHIPS, ALBERT PARK, SATURDAY 5 NOVEMBER

The Victorian All Schools Track and Field Championships were held at the new State Athletics Centre at Albert Park last weekend. Unfortunately the walks were scheduled on Saturday afternoon and Saturday was hot! While the published temperature might have been 30°C, it was a lot hotter than that on the track and the still conditions made for very tough walking indeed. One has to ask why the longest events on the program are held in the potentially hottest part of the day. What is wrong with either the morning or the evening!

As usual, David Armstrong was there in his capacity as AthsVic TV maestro and he has uploaded walks footage as follows:

U17/U18: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rsJFXYATfgY&list=PLF02E7242BD54C3FB&index=45&feature=plpp_video http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9FP7m45nGS0&list=PLF02E7242BD54C3FB&index=46&feature=plpp_video http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MptO9xHUQzQ&list=PLF02E7242BD54C3FB&index=47&feature=plpp_video http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MptO9xHUQzQ

The first events to kick off at 2PM were the 3000m U14 and Emmet Brasier and Jemima Montag were soon well in front. Jemima eventually kicked clear to win in what was for her a slow 14:45.13 ahead of Emily Hamilton and Lauren Collis while Emmet walked well in his first ever 3000m walk (15:05.21) to hold out Kyle Swan who chased hard in the second part. To round out the medals, Cooper Owen was third. Thanks to Terry Swan as usual for his photo selection.

Men 3000m Race Walk U 14

| 1. | Brasier, Emmet | 98 | VIE | 15:05.21 |
|----|----------------|----|-----|----------|
| 2. | Swan, Kyle | 99 | TKS | 15:29.23 |
| 3. | Owen, Cooper | 98 | VIE | 16:20.73 |
| 4. | Brennan, Jonty | 00 | Gsp | 18:11.07 |

Women 3000m Race Walk U 14

| 1. | Montag, Jemima | 98 | WES | 14:45.13 |
|----|-----------------|----|-----|----------|
| 2. | Hamilton, Emily | 98 | Mat | 16:36.51 |
| 3. | Collis, Lauren | 98 | OUR | 17:20.92 |
| 4. | Kay, Shelby | 99 | Slb | 17:37.77 |
| 5. | Guy, Rachael | 99 | BER | 17:55.84 |
| 6. | Brown, Hayley | 99 | Fps | 18:10.70 |
| 7 | Walburg Kirsten | 98 | Yhs | 19.40.04 |













U14 walkers Cooper Owen, Lauren Collis, Emmet Brasier, Emily Hamilton, Jemima Montag and Kyle Swan

The U15 and U16 3000m walks followed at 2:20PM and, while Nathan Brill was well in front as expected, an interesting race developed behind him with Lucas Taylor, Billy Allamby an Stephanie George shoulder to shoulder. Billy proved the strongest of the group, finishing second overall with 15:06.7 behind Nathan 12:52.7. Lucas Taylor 15:35.3 and Stephanie George 15:48.0 were next to finish, Steph just holding out Adam Garganis who came through well for 15:49.8. Jade Sanders was the other gold medallist with 16:26.9.

| Men 3000m Race Walk U 16 | | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|----|-----|---------|--|
| 1. | Brill, Nathan | 96 | ROS | 12:52.7 | |
| 2. | Taylor, Lucas | 96 | LIL | 15:35.3 | |
| 3. | Bird, Kyle | 96 | PAD | 19:26.3 | |
| | McShanag, Connor | 96 | STB | DNF | |
| Men 300 | Men 3000m Race Walk U 15 | | | | |
| 1. | Allamby, Billy | 97 | SJO | 15:06.7 | |
| 2. | Garganis, Adam | 97 | THS | 15:49.8 | |
| Women | 3000m Race Walk U 16 | | | | |
| 1. | George, Stephanie | 96 | YAR | 15:48.0 | |

| 2. | Cooke, Brianna | 97 | EPP | 20:59.0 |
|-------|----------------------|----|-----|---------|
| Women | 3000m Race Walk U 15 | | | |
| 1. | Sanders, Jade | 97 | BER | 16:26.9 |
| 2. | Eastwood, Jessie | 97 | Mat | 18:31.1 |
| 3. | Walker, Megan | 97 | CLO | 18:36.0 |



U15 and U16 walkers Adam Garganis, Nathan Brill, Billy Allamby, Stephanie George, Jade Sanders and Lucas Taylor

The U17 and U18 5000m walks were held at 4:50PM and it was just as hot – the N-S aspect of the track means that there is not going to be any shade from day's start to day's end and it was the case for the older walkers. Although they started well, most wilted under the conditions. Jmara Hockley-Samon, Amy Burren and Aaron Tam led out early and not much separated them at the end – Jmara 26:54.0, Amy (in her first walk since July) 27:07.8 and Aaron 27:17.5. Special mention also to Bendigo walker Josh Savage who officiated all day before throwing on the racing gear and walking to win the U17 5000m. And a special note re Ryan Antidormi. In this meet last year, he came 2nd in the U16 3000m walk. This year he won the U17 javelin with a throw of 49.94m. Go Ryan!

| Men 500 | 00m Race Walk U 18 Tam, Aaron | 94 | Glw | 27:17.5 |
|----------------------------|---|----|-----|---------|
| Men 500 | 00m Race Walk U 17 Savage, Joshua | 95 | EAG | 31:39.1 |
| | 5000m Race Walk U 18 | | | |
| 1. | , , | 94 | KIL | 27:07.8 |
| 2. | Campbell, Caitlin | 94 | COC | 29:39.1 |
| 3. | Raselli, Cassandra | 94 | PLC | 32:35.4 |
| Women 5000m Race Walk U 17 | | | | |
| 1. | Hockley-Samon, Jmara | 95 | CLO | 26:54.0 |
| 2. | Stadus, Lauren | 96 | IGG | 27:24.6 |









U17 and U18 walkers Aaron Tam, Amy Burren, Jemima Montag and Josh Savage

SAMA TRACK WALKS, SANTOS STADIUM, MILE END, ADELAIDE, WEDNESDAY 2 NOVEMBER

Thanks to Colin Hainsworth for the weekly South Australian Masters walk results from SANTOS stadium. Colin commented: Calm, sunny evening, temp just right, good times. Bob Cruise judging.

| 3000m Y | acht Handicap | | |
|---------|------------------|-------|--------|
| M59 | Jack Russell | 16.29 | 79.33% |
| | Justin Hill | 13.31 | |
| | Kim Mottrom | 13.07 | |
| M66 | George White | 15.09 | 92.72% |
| W77 | Ros Elix | 22.33 | 80.44% |
| W51 | Marie Maxted | 17.55 | 73.48% |
| W57 | Linda Whitelaw | 22.51 | 60.95% |
| M81 | Colin Hainsworth | 21.24 | 80.07% |
| M68 | Graham Harrison | 18.29 | 77.76% |
| W51 | Kristine Freeman | 21.56 | 60.02% |
| M69 | Bill Starr | 20.10 | 72.12% |
| M75 | Paul Boyce | 22.21 | 70.24% |
| M73 | Rodger Barber | 20.52 | 73.25% |
| W58 | Edna Bates | 24.42 | 56.97% |
| W67 | Jill Rogers | 22.46 | 68.63% |
| M78 | David Robertson | 22.14 | 73.66% |
| M76 | Leigh Smith | 21.06 | 75.43% |
| M68 | Roger Lowe | 22.20 | 64.36% |
| W77 | Cynthia Dally | 24.50 | 73.04% |
| W69 | Sandy Brunner | 18.35 | 86.36% |

ACT WALKING CLUB RACES, AIS TRACK, BRUCE, THURSDAY 3 NOVEMBER

Thanks to Robin Whyte for the latest results from Canberra. Thomas Hopkins shows as fastest with a big PB of 15:19 while Carmen Carlon, the first walker to start, held off the chasers and won the handicap overall.

| 3000m F | Iandicap (Place,Name, | Time,Start) | |
|---------|-----------------------|-------------|---------|
| 1. | Carmen Carlon | 28:42 | (00:15) |
| 2. | Peter Thompson | 20:30 | (08:30) |
| 3. | Robert Kennelly | 24:40 | (05:00) |
| 4. | Callum Doherty | 17:18 | (12:30) |
| 5. | Peter Baker | 15:55 | (14:00) |
| 6. | Gabby Hunt | 15:57 | (14:00) |
| 7. | Thomas Hopkins | 15:19 | (14:40) |
| 8. | John Donovan | 20:40 | (09:20) |
| 9. | Margaret McSpadden | 24:31 | (05:30) |
| 10. | Jennifer Gilchrist | 20:43 | (09:20) |
| 11. | Robin Whyte | 18:16 | (11:50) |
| 12. | Doug Fitzgerald | 20:15 | (10:00) |
| 13. | Nola de Chazal | 28:46 | (01:30) |
| 14. | Callum Burns | 16:16 | (14:15) |
| 15. | Rod Gilchrist | 21:02 | (09:30) |
| 16. | Karina Hopkins | 17:45 | (13:00) |
| 17. | Bryan Thomas | 20:26 | (10:45) |
| 18. | Matthew Grady | 27:17 | (04:00) |
| 19. | Emily Hopkins | 20:56 | (11:30) |
| | | | |
| 1000m | | | |
| 1. | Thomas Hunt | 06:31 | |
| 2. | Rebecca Filipczyk | 08:56 | |
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NIKE 1500M CLASSIC MEET, UQ TRACK, ST LUCIA, BRISBANE, THURSDAY 3 NOVEMBER

Thanks to Robyn Wales for this report from last Thursday evening in Brisbane.

For the second year in a row we managed to get a walk onto the 1500m classic program at the newly laid University of Queensland after the old one "drowned" in the January floods. On what was a perfect night for athletics the walkers shone on a star studded program. With two walkers going under currently listed Queensland 1500m record times, only the lack of A grade judges will see these times unacknowledged. The judging panel was made up of B and C grade judges. **Dane Bird Smith** was outstanding with flawless technique and narrowly missed his father Dave's best time for the distance. Jessica Pickles was best of the girls with most of the others recording big PBs.

| 1. | Dane Bird-Smith | 5:21.65 PB 2 secs |
|-----|------------------|--------------------|
| 2. | Rhydian Cowley | 5:38.61 PB 3 secs |
| 3. | Nick Dewar | 5:43.77 |
| 4. | Brandon Dewar | 5:47.46 |
| 5. | Dean Nipperess | 6:29.11 |
| 6. | Jessica Pickles | 6:40.31 |
| 7. | Luke McCutcheon | 7:29.32 |
| 8. | Clara Smith | 7:34.11 PB 5 secs |
| 9. | Mikaela Woodward | 7:36.34 PB 11 secs |
| 10. | Aimee Brackin | 8:31.96 |
| 11 | Iamie McCutcheon | 9.05.32 |

Also, for those on the Gold Coast: this Saturday at 8am (Qld time) is when the announcement of the host city 2018 Commonwealth Games will be made. All are invited to be at Broadwater Parklands for this event. If you have represented Australia please wear your Australian uniform. This will be televised live so let's hope for a good roll up of interested supporters.

Now we don't maintain 1500m walk ranking records but I think that the fastest official time recognized in Australia is the Victorian Open Record of 5:19.1, set by David Smith in 1981 at Olympic Park in Melbourne. And Dane was certainly pretty close to that. Quite a few of our top walkers, past and present, have bettered 5:30 at one time or another but the opportunities are few and far between nowadays. And of course Andrew Jachno's Australian 3000m walk record of 10:56.22, set in 1991 in Melbourne, works out at back to back 1500m times of 5:28.1. The difference is that Dave was 25 when he did his 1500m time and Andrew was 33 when he did his 3000m time whereas Dane is still only 19 and won't turn 20 until July next year! What a performance.

And a brief comment to say well done to VRWC walker **Rhydian Cowley** who finished second to Dane with his own great PB time of 5:38.61.

ATHLETICS SA PREMIERSHIP CUP ROUND 2, SANTOS STADIUM, MILE END, FRIDAY 4 NOVEMBER

The second round of Premiership Cup in Adelaide saw the walkers contesting 3000m and 1500m walks. Kristie Goznik 24:43.5 and Allegra Steele 25:32.7 both walked PBs just like last week. Well done girls! And Darren Bown was in pretty hot form himself with 22:42.7.

3000m Walk

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|------|-------------------|-------|------|-----------------|
| 1. | Darren Bown | MOPEN | ELIZ | 22:42.7 |
| 2. | Kim Mottrom | MOPEN | AH | 24:32.1 |
| 3. | Kristie Goznik | WOPEN | ELIZ | 24:43.5 PB 0:05 |
| 4. | Allegra Steele | WOPEN | TTG | 25:32.7 PB 1:24 |
| | Megan Szirom | WOPEN | ELIZ | DNF |
| | Jemma Potezny | WU20 | HILL | DNF |
| 0m \ | Walk U14 | | | |
| 1. | Alix Harlington | WU14 | ELIZ | 7:47.93 |
| 2. | Rhinnon Lovegrove | MU14 | ELIZ | 9:13.50 |

ANSW CLUB PREMIERSHIP ROUND 3, HENSLEY, SATURDAY 5 NOVEMBER

The Athletics NSW Premiership competition continued last Saturday at the Randwick Botany Athletics Track at Hensley Oval in Sydney. Conditions were quite warm with temperatures around 25-26 degrees and very windy but times were excellent across the board. Kyle Malone 23:01.96, Kirsty Klein 24:40.26, Tyler Jones 13:57.85, Jasmine Dighton 14:52.30 and Leah McDonald 7:21.88 were all in top form and there were pleny of PBs. It is good to see a strong summer competition underway in Sydney again.

Mixed 5000 Metre Walk All Ages

| 1. | Malone, Kyle | M | Nepean Distr | 23:01.96 | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|-----|--------------|----------|---------|
| 2. | Klein, Kirsty | W17 | Asics Wests | 24:40.26 | PB 0:07 |
| 3. | Birch-Ward, Kurtis | M | Sutherland D | 26:05.25 | |
| 4. | Jessurun, Ian | M44 | Nsw Masters | 27:00.78 | |
| 5. | Barendregt, Amanda | W15 | Nepean Distr | 31:36.90 | |
| 6. | Nixon, Adam | M17 | Cherrybrook | 36:33.58 | |
| | Keys, Brook | M21 | Nepean Distr | DNF | |
| Mixed 3000 Metre Walk All Ages | | | | | |
| 1. | Jones, Tyler | M13 | Wyong Athlet | 13:57.85 | PB 0:03 |
| 2. | Dighton, Jasmine | W15 | Illawong & D | 14:52.30 | PB 0:06 |
| 3. | Doyle, Tom | M | South Sydney | 15:07.07 | PB 0:01 |
| 4. | Murphy, Robert | M15 | South Sydney | 15:47.29 | |

Hills Distri Glover, Jordan M12 16:10.56 PB 0:29 Richardson, Dylan Mingara Athl 17:08.15 M11 6. 7. Grujoski, Stephanie W14 South Sydney 17:30.61 Minett, Rhiannon W13 Bankstown Sp 17:31.46

| | 9. | Kerr, Aidan | M13 | Sydney Pacif | 17:44.81 | |
|-----|-------|-------------------------|-----|--------------|----------|---------|
| | 10. | Beasley, Bryony | W14 | Nepean Distr | 18:01.21 | |
| | 11. | Williams, Dennis | M63 | Hills Distri | 18:47.20 | |
| | 12. | Hyde, Brendon | M66 | Sydney Unive | 21:28.31 | |
| Mix | ed 1: | 500 Metre Walk Under 14 | | | | |
| | 1. | McDonald, Leah | W11 | Parramatta C | 7:21.88 | PB 0:17 |
| | 2. | Kalemusic, Danielle | W12 | Illawong & D | 8:05.82 | PB 0:06 |
| | 3. | Brown, Nathan | M13 | Parramatta C | 8:20.95 | |
| | 4. | Brown, Samantha | W10 | Parramatta C | 8:25.66 | |
| | 5. | Grujoski, Ally | W12 | South Sydney | 8:46.68 | |
| | 6. | Bennett-Ward, Dakota | W11 | Bankstown Sp | 11:28.32 | |
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WARWC WALK RESULTS, WILSON, PERTH, SUNDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2011

Thanks to Rick Cattermole for the latest results from the Western Australian Race Walking Club

Well we raced today in dry conditions for once! The rain has broken all records for the past few weeks and it was a nice change to walk in a relatively humid but dry conditions. Sara-Jane amazed everyone by racing a 10k, 6 weeks after the birth of her son (Declan Cattermole-Thompson) and was "joined" by Daniel Lowe for most of the walk. Vanessa Brown recorded a big PB, and is looking good for the future.

10k Open Mixed:

| 1. | Vanessa Brown | 59.49 |
|----|-----------------|----------------------|
| 2. | Sara Cattermole | 73.31 |
| 3. | Daniel Lowe | 73.31 |
| | Janine Butler | DNF (57.31 for 7.5k) |
| | David Smyth | DNF (14.25 for 2.5k) |
| | | |

5k Open Women:

| 1. | Breanna Brown | 27.55 |
|----|-----------------|-------|
| 2. | Michelle Butler | 30.59 |

3k Open Mixed:

| ĺ. | Ashley Granado | 17.12 (first 3k ever) |
|----|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 2. | Caitlin Gerken | 17.53 |
| 3. | Christopher Gerken | 23.58 |

ALL JAPAN WALKING MEET, TAKAHATA, JAPAN, 30 OCTOBER 2011

Olympic 7th place finisher and Japanese record holder Yuki Yamazaki returned to competition at the All Japan walking meet on 30th October, winning the 50 km competition in a fast 3:44:03. Second placed Ken Akashi was the only other one to go sub 4 hours (3:58:45). Isamu Fujisawa won the 20 km in 1:22:01 ahead of Hiroki Arai (10th place in the Daegu 50km) who recorded a new personal best time of 1:22:47. Kumi Otoshi won the women's 20 km with 1:32:58. The results below show both quality at the top and great depth. They are certainly a very strong walks nation.

| 20km Walk Men | | | 20km Walk Women |
|---------------|------------------|---------|------------------------------|
| 1. | Isamu Fujisawa | 1:22:01 | 1. Kumi Otoshi 1:32:58 |
| 2. | Hiroki Arai | 1:22:47 | 2. Rei Inoue 1:34:22 |
| 3. | Takumi Saito | 1:23:45 | 3. Hiroi Maeda 1:37:17 |
| 4. | Hayato Katsuki | 1:24:16 | 4. Chiaki Yamato 1:39:45 |
| 5. | Takaki Matsuzaki | 1:25:02 | 5. Miki Miyamoto 1:40:04 |
| 6. | Katsuya Ueda | 1:25:18 | 6. Yui Hayashi 1:40:19 |
| 7. | Daichi Aono | 1:25:22 | 7. Yuri Yamaga 1:40:58 |
| 8. | Takuya Yoshida | 1:25:33 | 8. Sayaka Usami 1:41:33 |
| 9. | Yosuke Kimura | 1:25:59 | 9. Shiori Toba 1:42:15 |
| 10. | Eiki Takahashi | 1:26:16 | 10. Tomomi Abe 1:42:39 |
| 11. | Satoshi Maruo | 1:27:20 | 11. Yorimi Inaba 1:43:01 |
| 12. | Daiki Shimizu | 1:27:41 | 12. Mio Sugihara 1:43:59 |
| 13. | Masaki Yamamoto | 1:27:48 | 13. Erika Yamaguchi 1:44:05 |
| 14. | Manabu Aoki | 1:28:06 | 14. Mai Nakahara 1:45:38 |
| 15. | Yusuke Taguchi | 1:28:26 | 15. Yoshimi Ogino 1:47:44 |
| 16. | Kento Honda | 1:28:49 | 16. Hikari Tachibana 1:47:55 |
| 17. | Shorei Nobe | 1:29:06 | 17. Moe Nakagawa 1:48:37 |
| 18. | Jumpei Hasegawa | 1:29:32 | 18. Chie Yoshida 1:49:15 |
| 19. | Yuki Ito | 1:29:52 | 19. Akiko Nishimura 1:49:18 |
| 20. | Yusuke Hitomi | 1:29:54 | 20. Akane Oishi 1:51:58 |

| 50km Walk Men | | | 10km Walk Junior Women | | |
|---------------|-----------------|---------|------------------------|----------------|-------|
| 1. | Yuki Yamazaki | 3:44:03 | 1. | Yasuyo Noda | 49:16 |
| 2. | Ken Akashi | 3:58:45 | 2. | Natsuki Sekine | 49:17 |
| 3. | Takafumi Higuma | 4:04:19 | 3. | Shiho Takagi | 49:36 |
| 4. | Takahito Otsubo | 4:14:54 | 4. | Hitomi Komame | 50:47 |
| 5. | Akira Ikezawa | 4:17:06 | 5. | Mako Aoki | 51:41 |
| 6. | Takahiro Sakuma | 4:19:33 | | | |
| 7. | Kaijiro Kuroiwa | 4:20:28 | | | |
| 8. | Takuma Kozaka | 4:21:35 | | | |

AUSTRALIA'S OLYMPIC TEAM TAKES SHAPE

A few days ago, Athletics Australia nominated 7 Australian athletes for early Olympic nomination. They had all finished top eight at the 2011 World Championships (see http://www.athletics.com.au/home/news/news/2011/november/seven_flame_athletes_identifie). The great news is that they list includes 2 of our walkers in Luke Adams and Jared Tallent.

| Luke Adams (NSW) | 50km Walk |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Jarrod Bannister (Vic) | Javelin |
| Benn Harradine (Vic) | Discus |
| Kim Mickle (WA) | Javelin |
| Sally Pearson (Qld) | 100m Hurdles |
| Jared Tallent (Vic) | 50km Walk |
| Mitchell Watt (Qld) | Long Jump |

That means that there is one spot left up for grabs in the 50km event and it will all come down to the Olympic trial in December when Nathan Deakes, Chris Erickson and Ian Rayson put themselves on the line. Add into the mix Brendon Reading who could surprise in his first attempt at the distance. Make sure you have Sunday December 11th earmarked in your diaries.

NEW MASTERS M65 WORLD RECORD TO FRENCH WALKER

Thanks to Emmanuel Tardi for finding this result on the web and forwarding it to me. Now it might just look like a regular French interclub event with nothing of great importance - until you look at the date of birth of the third placed competitor. Jean-Paul Masselin was born 17/08/1946 so has just entered the M65 division and his time of 25:03.2 was a new World Masters Record for this division, breaking Gerhard Weidner's 1999 record of 25:05.2 by 2 seconds.

5000m Walk, Torulaville, France, Sunday 25 September 2011

| 1. | 23:42.3 | HURAULT Simon | Manche Athle Centre Sud | JUM/92 |
|----|---------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------|
| 2. | 24:09.2 | NICOLLE Vincent | Manche Athle Centre Sud | SEM/81 |
| 3. | 25:03.2 | MASSELIN Jean-paul | Manche Athle Centre Sud | VEM/46 |
| 4. | 25:31.7 | LECAPLAIN Maxime | Manche Athle Centre Sud | CAM/94 |

AUSTRALIA VS NEW ZEALAND MATCH BACK ON THE RADAR FOR 2012

I am still waiting for Athletics Australia to release its final criteria for the 2012 Australia vs New Zealand match (the Oceania Racewalking Cup), to be held on Saturday 25 February 2012 in Hobart. However, I have had so many queries from prospective entrants that I thought it time to put out what I know. I do not expect many, if any, changes in the final criteria which should be released by AA soon.

- The competition will be held over 4 events: 20 km Men, 20 km Women, 10km Under 20 Men and 10km Under 20 Women.
- The Australian 20km team is to be comprised of Under 23 athletes and the NZ team is to be comprised of Open athletes.
- For an athlete to be Under 23 in 2012, the birth date must occur in 1990, 1991 or 1992. Athletes in the Under 20 event must be born in 1993 or later.
- The competition is teams based with each country selecting a team of four men and women in the Open event and three Men & Women in the U20 to be designated as official representatives (OR). Of these OR's, a maximum of three will score in the Open event and two in the Under 20 event.
- Once entries close, Athletics Australia and Athletics New Zealand will select their teams and inform athletes.
- Australian Team Selections will be made based on performances in ratified events since 1st January 2011. To be eligible for selection, athletes must enter the competition and must have reached the qualifying times listed below.

| U23 men | 1:45.00 |
|-------------|---------|
| U23 Women | 2:05.00 |
| U20 Men | 47:00 |
| II 20 Women | 53:00 |

So all you have to do is enter the event when entries open on the AA website and make sure that you get as good a time as possible under your belt in a legitimate and ratified event.

And don't leave it too late to book your airfares to Hobart on the weekend of Saturday 25 February 2012. I see at the moment that Virgin Blue have very cheap flights on offer (significantly cheaper than Qantas).

WHAT'S COMING UP

Next Saturday sees us back at AV Shield competition with 2000m walks on in all 6 regions. The 3 country groups will be combining together for a round at the new Lakeside Stadium in Albert Park and we should see some great competition there.

| Sat 12 Nov | AV Shield - South East Region - Round 4 | Dolomore Reserve, Mentone |
|------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Sat 12 Nov | AV Shield - Ballarat Region - Round 4 | Lakeside Stadium, Albert Park |
| Sat 12 Nov | AV Shield - Geelong Region - Round 4 | Lakeside Stadium, Albert Park |
| Sat 12 Nov | AV Shield - Bendigo Region - Round 4 | Lakeside Stadium, Albert Park |
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Sat 12 Nov AV Shield - North West Region - Round 4 Moonee Valley Athletics Centre, Moonee Ponds

Sat 12 Nov AV Shield - East Region - Round 4 Reischiek's Reserve, Doncaster

DATES...DATES

As usual, I finish with a list of upcoming events on the local, national and international fronts. Let me know of any errors/omissions.

2011/2012 Australian/Victorian Summer Season Key Dates

| 2011 All Schools Championships, University of Queensland, St Lucia |
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| 2011 Australian 50km Championship , Fawkner Park, Melbourne, VIC (20km, 10km and 5km races also) |
| See http://www.clubsonline.com.au/meets/index.cfm?fuseaction=display_full&MeetID=711&OrgID=887 |
| Victorian Country T&F Championships, Bendigo |
| Australian 20km roadwalk Championships, Hobart, TAS (World Walking Cup trials for 10km and 20km) |
| Victorian Junior T&F Championships, Melbourne |
| IAAF World Challenge and Selection Trials, Victorian Athletics Centre, Albert Park |
| Victorian Open T&F Championships, Melbourne |
| 2012 Australian Junior Championships, Sydney Olympic Park |
| Australian Masters T&F Championships, Melbourne |
| |

2012 International Fixture

Sat 3 Mar, 2012

| Feb 5-12, 2012 | Oceania Masters Athletics Championships, Tauranga, New Zealand |
|----------------------|---|
| Apr 3-8, 2012 | World Masters Athletics Indoor Championships, Jyvaskyla, Finland |
| May 12-13, 2012 | 25th IAAF World Race Walking Cup, Saransk, Russia |
| July 10-15, 2012 | 14th World Junior Championships, Barcelona, Spain |
| July 27-Aug 12, 2012 | 30th Olympic Games, London. See http://www.london2012.com/ |

2012 IAAF Race Walking Challenge Dates

| 29-31 Mar, 2012 | Taicang, CHN |
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| Sat 14 Apr., 2012 | Rio Major, POR |
| 12-13 May, 2012 | IAAF Race Walking Cup, Saransk, RUS |
| Sun 26 May, 2012 | La Coruna, ESP |
| Sat 2 June, 2012 | Sesto San Giovanni, ITA |
| 3-12 Aug, 2012 | Olympic Games, London, GBR |
| Sat 15 Sept, 2012 | IAAF RW Challenge Final, Erdos, CHN |

Chihuahua, MEX

2013 International Fixture

| Aug 10-18, 2013 | 14th IAAF World Championships in Athletics, Moscow, Russia |
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| July 10-14, 2013 | 8th World Youth T&F Championships, Donetsk, Ukraine |
| July 24 - Aug 4, 2013 | World Masters Athletic Championships, Port Alegro, Brazil |

2014 International Fixture

| 2014 | 26th IAAF World Race Walking Cup, Taicing, China |
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| Mar/Apr 2014 | World Masters Indoor Championships, Budapest, HUN |

July 23 – Aug 3, 2014 20th Commonwealth Games, Glasgow. See http://www.glasgow2014.com/

Looking even further forward

| August 22-30, 2015 | 15 th IAAF World Championships in Athletics, Beijing, China |
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| July/Aug 2015 | 20th World Masters T&F Champs Stadia, Lyon, France |
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2016 21st World Masters T&F Champs Stadia, Perth, Australia. See http://www.perth2016.com/
Aug 2016 31st Olympic Games, Rio de Janeiro, BRAZIL. See http://www.rio2016.org.br/en/Default.aspx

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